

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McGurk-Vaughan House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, west side, 6th building south of Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clyde E. & Mary E. McGurk

Telephone #: (301) 743-4151

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 71

Folio #: 83

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The sixth building is actually a duplex but was built as a single family residence in the 1870's.

"McGurk-Vaughan House," distinguishes the southern two bay portion of the house from the "Caldwell-Vaughan House," consisting of the three northern bays. The west wing of this portion was built by Dr. E.D. Graves in the 1920's.

It was a five bay long two story frame dwelling with four bay wing on the southern half. Across its facade is a one story screened porch, divided into two parts. The porch has outstanding details in its square champhered posts with applied decorative panels on the base to brackets extending up the facade of the posts to the cornice. Along the cornice is a series of modillions, but beneath the facia is a pierced bracketed gallery extending between the posts. The balustrade is low and follows the division of the porch.

On both storys the sash have 4/4 panes and the windows have a small plain cornice-like decorative motif. The central door also possesses a larger cornice. Glass panels in the principal door appears to be an alteration. Above the second story windows are pairs of brackets in the facia. In the gable are two diamond shape windows which flank a chimney. The 'A' roof is covered with raised seam tin.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling is important as part of the whole structure which is of interest because of the vernacular form with Italianate details.

In June of 1874, James Vaughan leased this land from Mary Sophia Bayard for \$24.00 a year. About that time Mr. Vaughan built the house which he sold to John M. Reed for \$1,025.00 in 1876. This was home for the Reed family for many years. The house was divided in the 1920's to provide separate homes for heirs of the Reed estate. New rooms were added on the north west side at this time and the houses have had separate owners since this time.

The northern half is still in the possession of Hugh Caldwell, one of the descendents of John Reed.

J. M. Reed, one of the owners of this house at one time maintained a mushroom house near town. The mushrooms were shipped to Philadelphia and sold locally, early in this century. He also maintained a general store on Bohemia Avenue near the Canal for many years. Because of the importance of Mr. John M. Reed in the early commercial activities in town, this house has significance. His store is still standing and is very much the same as it was when he carried on a dry goods business there. His stock was claimed to be the finest in the area and attracted customers from a wide radius.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April 27, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



CE- 447 - Caldwell-Vaughn House (right half) ; CE- 448 McGurk-Vaughn House (left half)

East facade

M. Bourne April 1976